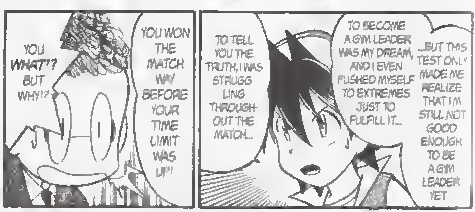
OH NO! WE'RE BEING TARGETED!!
PORYGON 2'S ZAP CANNON!!
PORYGON 2'S FAMOUS FOR IT'S BULLS EYE ATTACK!!
RED'S HP IS RUNNING LOW!!
RED
KWWEENNN
SORRY, MY FRIEND, BUT I'M GONNA HAVE TO COUNT ON YOU AGAIN!
NOD
ZZSSSHHH
GO NOW!
I KNOW YOU WON'T FAIL ME!!

USE MORNING SUN!
FLAAASSSH
JUST HANG IN THERE!
AND...
KKA
WWK
K
...GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
PSYCHIC !!
WHEW!
PORYGON 2'S DEFEATED!!
WITH THAT, THE MATCH TODAY HAS COME TO AN END!
TREMBLE
CLENCH

CONGRATULATIONS, RED! YOU PASSED THE TEST WITH FLYING COLORS!!
FROM NOW ONWARDS, YOU ARE OFFICIALLY THE NEW GYM LEADER OF VIRIDIAN CITY!!
I'M TRULY SORRY, BUT... I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE...


YOU WHAT?!? BUT WHY!?
YOU WON THE MATCH WAY BEFORE YOUR TIME LIMIT WAS UP!!
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS STRUGGLING THROUGHOUT THE MATCH...
TO BECOME A GYM LEADER WAS MY DREAM, AND I EVEN PUSHED MYSELF TO EXTREMES JUST TO FULFILL IT...
...BUT THIS TEST ONLY MADE ME REALIZE THAT I'M STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A GYM LEADER YET

WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE GYM THEN?
MUMMUR MUMMUR
GUESS WE'RE WITHOUT A LEADER AGAIN.
WHY DID HE REJECT THAT POSITION?

TO CONDUCT ANOTHER TEST IF NECESSARY OF COURSE!

BLUE!!
BLUE!!
YOU'RE BACK!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
SHRUG
GRAB
TREMBLE
UGH..
I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY WITH YOU ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU PRETENDED TO RIDE ON THAT BIKE..
AH!
I HEAR YOU JUST REJECTED THAT GYM LEADER POSITION YOU HAD ALWAYS WANTED..

WHAT'S THAT!?
AN EARTHQUAKE!?
!!
HEY YOU TWO!!
TMPTMP
RED CAN'T POSSIBLY HOLD OUT ANY LONGER AFTER THAT EXHAUSTING MATCH! YOU HAVE TO STOP HIM.
TMP TMP
I'M ON IT!
CALM DOWN EVERYONE!
THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC!!
BRRUUUMMMBBBLLE

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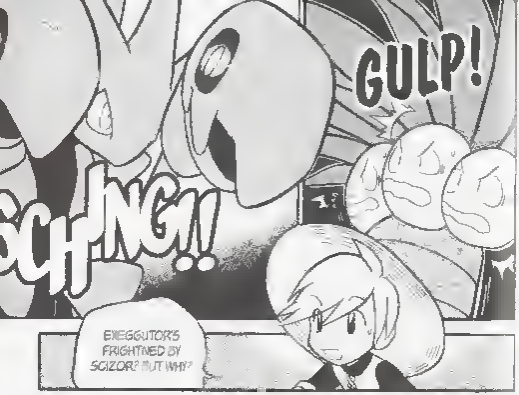
WILD POKEMON?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE!?
GROWL!
HEADS UP!!
WE'VE NO TIME TO EVACUATE THE PEOPLE INSIDE! RED, YOU GUARD THE ENTRANCE!
GOT CHA!
PTMPTMP
SCIZOR, METAL CLAW!!
SKKIINNK!

GO!!
SLAAASH!
MAN! HE'S STILL AS SWIFT AS BEFORE!
GGRRRRR
RR
!
HUH, EXEGGUTOR'S USING ITS THREE HEADS TO TRACK OUR MOVEMENTS...LOOKS LIKE IT WANTS TO FIGHT FOR REAL!!
WELL THEN...
HMPH!
SHAK...
RED, YOU CAN'T...
STAY BACK, YELLOW!


GULP!
SCHING!!
EXEGGUTOR'S FRIGHTENED BY SCIZOR? BUT WHY?

I GET IT!
SCIZOR'S BIG FISTS RESEMBLE TWO HEADS! NOW EXEGGUTOR'S COMBATING CONFIDENCE IS GREATLY REDUCED...

THAT'S SOME STRIKER!
IT MUST BE JUDGING FROM ITS EVOLUTION STAGE..

BLUE'S A WORTHY OPPONENT INDEED

NOW FOR THE FINISHING TOUCH.

SWIPE!
FALSE SWIPE!
CLACK!
RIGHT!
POP
POPOPOP
WAY TO GO, BLUE!

YOU'RE GREAT!!
PROFESSOR OAK'S WORTHY GRANDSON INDEED!!
PROFESSOR OAK'S G-G GRANDSON !?
YES... APPARENTLY ...
YUP. HE WAS THE SEMI-FINALIST FOR THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE, YA KNOW
REALLY !?
W-WAIT! MASTER BLUE...
THUMP THUMP
PAUSE
AH... THAT TUNE..!
CLICK

THE VAN THAT "POKEMON LEAGUE" MUSIC WAS COMING FROM. WHO OWNS IT?
ER...IT BELONGS TO OUR ASSOCIATION
WILD POKEMON ARE ATTRACTED TO THIS TUNE!!
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT VERY WELL!
SORRY, IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL...
YEAH, IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE YOUNG MEN THE CONSEQUENCES WOULDVE BEEN DISASTROUS!!
MR. CHAIRMAN!
Y YES SIR!!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU THINK I'M NOT QUALIFIED ENOUGH
...BUT FOR THE SAFETY OF THE ASSOCIATION..
I HOPE YOU CAN DO A PROPER JOB IN CHOOSING AN APPROPRIATE REPLACEMENT FOR RED.
S...SURE..

TOSS!
RED! TAKE THIS!
I'VE FOUND THE INFORMATION YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
JUST ASK DAISY FOR THE DETAILS
BLUE
I WANT YOU TWO TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE NEXT VIRIDIAN GYM LEADER.
WHAT!? BUT SIR! WE HAVEN'T CONDUCTED THE REGISTRATION AND TESTS!
WE'VE ALREADY SEEN HIS MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE HAVEN'T WE? HE IS TRULY WORTHY AS OUR NEW GYM LEADER.
BESIDES, HE SEEMS LIKE A VERY AMIABLE AND POPULAR LAD, TOO
BUT...
DON'T WORRY
DESPITE OF THE GRAVE MISTAKE WE MADE, HE WAS UNDERSTANDING ENOUGH TO NOT PURSUE IT.
I ASSURE YOU, HE'S DEFINITELY TRUSTWORTHY

RED
OK
SLP
RED!!
RED!!
YOU'RE SETTING OFF ALREADY?
YES I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I LEAVE EARLY
I'VE FINALLY GOT INFORMATION ON THE CURE FOR MY HANDS...
I MUST NOT DELAY THIS ANY FURTHER.
INFORMATION!? YOU MEAN RED'S HANDS AND LEGS CAN BE CURED!?
YES! WE'RE QUITE CONFIDENT OF THAT!

IT'S SAID THAT THERE'S A SECRET HOTSPRINGS IN SHIROGANE MOUNTAIN..
..WHERE POKEMON GATHER TO NURSE THEIR WOUNDS
SABRINA SUFFERED THE SAME BLOW AS RED, AND SHE MANAGED TO GET CURED THERE
HOWEVER, SABRINA ONLY HURT ONE PART OF HER BODY...
BUT IF RED MAKES A TRIP THERE THERE'S A CHANCE HE MIGHT BE CURED!
TRUE BUT
..THERE ARE MANY WILD POKEMON RESIDING IN THAT MOUNTAIN..
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AN EASY TASK GETTING THERE
LET'S GO, CHARIZARD!
POOF!!

PIKA, I WANT YOU TO STAY WITH YELLOW AND CHUCHU UNTIL MY RETURN
I SHALL LEAVE HIM IN YOUR CARE
O, OKAY!!
SORRY PIKA...
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR MY INJURY
YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF RED, OKAY, CHARIZARD
SOAR
TO SHIROGANE MOUNTAINS!!

YWNOW, PIKA...
I'LL BE GOING TO JOHTO WITH MY UNCLE...
WE'RE DOING AN INVESTIGATION ON THE BIG BIRD THAT VANISHED INTO THE WESTERN SKIES...
YOU WANNA COME ALONG WITH US?
GRIN
PIKA!
GREAT!
LET'S GO!
C'MON, PIKA! CHUCHU!!
TO BE CONTINUED...

NOW HOLD ON A DARN FLOKIN' MINUTE!!
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT!? WE'RE NOT DONE YET
AND MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THE GYM LEADERSHIP POSITION IS NON-TRANSFERABLE!?
CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO BECOME GYM LEADERS MUST FIRST REGISTER WITH US!
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VS SCIZOR